

REMARKS

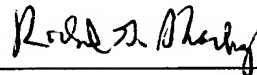
As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to the Patent Office on July 13, 2004 and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on November 23, 2004. The Examiner is respectfully asked to make the references therein of record prior to issuing the next Office Action and return an initialed copy of the Forms PTO-1449 to the undersigned attorney.

Claims 1-19 as originally filed were pending. In response to the Restriction Requirement, claims 1-15 are elected. Claims 16-19, drawn to a nonelected invention, are cancelled without prejudice to pursue in a future related application. Claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendment is found, for example, in Examples 1-3 of the subject application. No new matter has been added. Claim 6 is cancelled in view of the amendment to claim 1, without prejudice to pursue in a future related application. Claim 7 is amended in view of the cancellation of claim 6. Therefore, claims 1-5 and 7-15 as amended are pending.

Consideration and allowance of the elected claims are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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